

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 27. (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) An antibody that specifically binds to ~~the a~~ polypeptide of ~~claim 1 having an amino acid sequence at least 60% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.~~

29. (Currently Amended) An antibody that specifically binds to ~~the a~~ polypeptide of ~~claim 5 consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1.~~

30. (Currently Amended) An antibody that specifically binds to ~~the a~~ polypeptide ~~encoded by a first nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a second nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.-of claim 8.~~

31. – 40. (Cancelled).